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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Mikihide NAKAMARU et al.  
Title: BOILING WATER REACTOR  
NUCLEAR POWER PLANT AND  
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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated July 30, 2002, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicant has enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to render this response timely.

Please amend the application as follows:

**In the Drawings:**

A separate Proposed Changes to the Drawings is attached. Copies of the drawing figures showing requested changes in red are submitted with this document.

**In the Specification:**

Please amend the specification by replacing the indicated paragraphs with the following revised paragraphs. Marked up versions showing changes made to these paragraphs are provided in Exhibit 1.